

ROUMANIA IS IN WAR

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ANOTHER NATION JOINS THE ALLIES

Fourteen Nations Are Now Engaged in the Great War in Europe.

OPENS GATEWAY FOR RUSS

Roumania's Action Will Add a Military Strength of 1,000,000 to Allied Army.

BERLIN, August 28.—Germany has declared war on Roumania.

BERLIN, August 28.—Fighting has begun between Roumanian and Teutonic troops on the Transylvanian frontier, the official announcement of today indicates. The statement says Roumanians have been taken prisoner.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—Roumania declared war on Austria-Hungary on Sunday evening, it is announced officially here.

Roumania thus becomes the fourteenth nation to join the war. Its intervention either on the side of the Allies or the Central powers has been awaited with symptoms of concern by both sides since the beginning of the great conflict. This is due, not entirely to Roumania's military strength but also to the strategic advantages of its geographical position and the fact that its entry into the struggle opens to the Russian army a gateway through Roumania to attack the Bulgarians from the north, while the Allied army, having its base at Saloniki, attacks them and their German allies from the south.

Nevertheless Roumania's military strength is by no means considerable. The country has a population of 6,800,000 and its army has been estimated at 580,000. It often has been described as one of the most thoroughly equipped and disciplined armies in Europe, but recent information from Bucharest has thrown some doubt upon its quality. Lately it has been stated that Roumania's officers are ill trained and undisciplined, that Roumania has no heavy artillery and that its flying service is inferior. Some advocates of Roumania's participation in the war have asserted that it could mobilize as many as 1,000,000 men. The mobilization of its army has been in progress for months and a few days ago was reported to be complete.

The motive which prompts Roumania to enter the war is the satisfaction of its "national aspirations," described by Take Jonescu, the Roumanian Liberal Minister, "concisely in three national instincts: the instinct of national expansion. In the southern half of Bukovina, the Austrian crown land, the Roumanians are the dominant race. The mass of the people of eastern Transylvania, a part of Hungary, is Roumanian by race and language. It is said 4,000,000 Roumanians live in Transylvania.

Roumania has been credited with a long cherished ambition to annex these provinces and at the same time "liberate" the Roumanians now under Austrian domination. Recently it was reported Russia has offered Czernowitz to Roumania as a reward if it would unite with the Entente. Roumania also covets Bessarabia, the extreme southwestern province of Russia on the Black sea, which was taken from it by the Berlin treaty of 1878.

Roumania has a border line as long as the whole Russian western war front on which to choose its points of military attack. In what direction its first blow may be aimed is indicated by its desire to pour its troops through the passage of the Transylvanian Alps and the Carpathians into Transylvania.

On the other hand Austria has been accumulating military forces at Orsova, prepared to attempt to force the "iron gates" where the Danube river touches the western Roumanian border. Bulgaria is said to have stationed 100,000 or more troops along the southern bank of the Danube to protect its northern frontier from a Roumanian invasion.

GERMANY TO DECLARE WAR ON ROUMANIA.

LONDON, August 28.—Germany probably will declare war on Roumania within twenty-four hours, after which Turkey and Bulgaria are expected to do likewise, according to a despatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The despatch says the German federal council met Monday morning on receipt of the news of Roumania's declaration of war against Austria.

The Roumanian legation in Berlin is being guarded by the police, these advisers say, as stones were thrown through the windows of the Italian embassy in Berlin Sunday.

A later message from the same source says word has been received

TAX OFFICIALS

From Various States Meet with Finance Specialists and Others in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 28.—Tax officials from various states, economists specializing in public finance, and others interested in the question of taxation, met here today for a four-days' conference of the National Tax Association. The meeting marks the tenth anniversary of the association's work, and it is declared that this year's conference will be of more than ordinary importance because of a number of changes that are pending in taxation schemes.

The states, as a rule, it is pointed out, are all confronted with problems of increased expenses and are without definite programs for meeting them. In addition federal revenue schemes will be discussed, including the income tax which has had two years' trial.

The subject of the allocation of public service corporation values will be definitely approached by the association for the first time through the report of a special committee.

TYPHOID FEVER

Causes Death in Grafton of J. W. Payne, Who Had Relatives Here.

John W. Payne, a glassworker, died at his home in Grafton at 6 o'clock Sunday evening following an illness of typhoid fever. He was sixty years old. Local relatives of the deceased man are Misses Dora and Martha Leachman, Mrs. O. Q. Owens and Mrs. Guy Sinsel, all sisters-in-law. He is also survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. The daughter is Mrs. Harry R. Griest, of New York, who formerly resided here.

Funeral services will be conducted some time Tuesday, the exact hour not yet having been decided upon. However, it is thought the services will be held in the morning. Mrs. Owens and daughter and Mrs. Sinsel, and possibly the other local relatives, will go from here to attend the funeral.

HOYL IN JAIL.

William Hoyl, colored, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Magistrate Jackson V. Carter on a charge of trying to defraud Mrs. Adelaide Harris, also colored, out of \$23.50. Hoyl, according to Mrs. Harris, boarded at her home during June and July, this year, and would not pay his board bill. He will be given a hearing in a day or two.

ONT MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Everett Bell and Ora E. Howell.

HARRISON COUNTY TEACHERS GATHER

In Annual Institute of Five Days in the Washington Irving High School Building.

The teachers of Harrison county assembled again this morning in the Washington Irving high school building for the annual institute. Every-body seems in good spirit, all the instructors are present, and everything indicates a good institute.

The number of teachers is not as large as usual, but many more will likely enroll later.

The exercises opened by singing "America," after which the Rev. Dr. W. B. King, of this city, led the devotional. After two more songs, Superintendent Carl S. Lawson made a few brief remarks to the teachers, showing them that the success of the institute will, to a great extent, depend upon the teachers themselves.

Then he read to the teachers an annual message of the state superintendent of school, which is intended to impress upon the teachers the general purpose of the institute and the special points to be emphasized this year in their school work.

Superintendent Lawson then introduced Dr. C. H. Minnich, dean of Miami University, Oxford, O., who had been an instructor here on two previous occasions. He is a very able man and liked by all the teachers. He made a few remarks relative to his previous work here, and expressed his gladness to get back here again. In his address he spoke mainly of the things which were being done for the advancement of the school system over in his state of Ohio. The two chief

PREPARE FOR STRIKE.

GRAFTON, August 28.—Baltimore and Ohio officials here have during the last two days called into local headquarters all transportation employees of the three divisions centering here, other than the regular engineers and crews, for conference. This is being done quietly, and nothing has been given out but it is said to be preparatory to the threatened strike.

DECREASE

In Number of Deaths in the Plague Epidemic is Most Encouraging.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Encouraging results in the fight against infantile paralysis were indicated by the department of health report for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. Monday. Only forty-three new cases were discovered, or only a little more than half the number during the previous twenty-four hours. The greatest decrease was in Brooklyn, where the disease first became widespread.

The deaths numbered twenty-five against twenty-one Sunday, making the total fatalities 1,854 out of 7,839 cases reported to date.

SENTENCES

And Fines Are Imposed Upon Lost Creek Youths for Stealing Chickens.

Four youths of the Lost Creek neighborhood, who were trailed down Sunday by Sheriff Ross F. Stout's pair of bloodhounds, confessed Monday forenoon in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court here to a charge of robbing Manley Curry's hen roost of two high-priced thoroughbred chickens Saturday night and taking them to a gas well derelict half a mile away, where they cooked and ate the fowl.

The defendants were Frank and George Kelley and Clayton and Steven Payne. The magistrate fined each \$10 and costs.

The Kelley boys paid their fines, but the Clayton boys did not, and they were sentenced to serve fifteen days on the county roads in default. The four boys are 16 to 18 years old.

PLAGUE IN JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 28.—Infantile paralysis during July caused 178 deaths in New Jersey, according to a report Monday by the state department of health. In all 840 cases were reported, of which twenty-eight per cent were fatal.

MENINGITIS CAUSES DEATH.

Albert Rivera, colored, twenty months old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rivera, died at 10 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mortimer, at 493 Water street, following an illness of meningitis. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

NEW PASTOR COMES TO THE CHURCH HERE

While the Rev. Mr. Morrison Will Be Chairman of the Harrison District.

Announcement of assignments of ministers for the year Monday morning at the annual meeting of the West Virginia conference of the Methodist Protestant church at Jane Lew revealed the fact that the Rev. U. W. Morrison, of this city, had been transferred from the local pulpit to the chairmanship of the Harrison circuit, and that the Rev. J. P. Turkelson, of Buckhannon, had been named as his successor here. The Rev. Mr. Morrison will continue to reside here.

Morgantown was chosen as the next annual meeting place. The meeting adjourned sine die at noon Monday.

The appointments in full are as follows:

President—J. J. Phillips, of Bridgeport.

Fairmont District.

George R. Brown, Morgantown, chairman.

Avery—W. F. Rorke.

Catawba—Sylvester Bennett.

Fairmont—B. M. Mitchell.

Grafton—G. H. Snyder.

Marion—C. C. Lawson.

Morgantown—G. R. Brown.

Mount Morris—C. D. Butler.

Newburg—J. H. Green.

Piedmont—J. N. Holt.

Reidsville—B. S. McGee.

Shinnston—L. E. Oldaker.

South Morgantown—L. H. Zinn.

Watson—M. Steele.

West Morgantown—J. A. McMillan.

Etan—A. L. Lester.

Weston Sub-District.

C. A. Isner, of Weston, chairman.

Bridgeport—J. W. Eaton.

Buckhannon Circuit—J. I. Vincent.

Buckhannon Station—E. H. West.

Burnsville—J. H. Ramsey.

Clarksburg—J. P. Turkelson.

Gettysburg—J. I. Hickel.

Glennville—Unsupplied.

Green Hill—Supplied from Jane Lew.

Harrison Circuit—U. W. Morrison.

Jane Lew—B. J. Null.

Kanawha—L. N. Auvil.

Lewis—J. Payne.

Lost Creek—S. J. Satterfield.

Nestor—W. H. Hart.

Upshur—G. E. Edgell.

Vadis—A. H. Harvey.

Weston—C. A. Isner.

Camden—S. M. McCarty.

Erbacon—W. T. Prashure.

Hacker Valley—L. W. Loudin.

Flatwoods—L. L. Jackson.

Walkersville—W. H. Burns.

Parkersburg District.

J. A. Selby, of Parkersburg, chairman.

Auburn—J. E. Burns.

Harrisville—L. S. Weese.

Ellenboro—Supplied from Harrisville.

Elizabeth—S. H. Steele.

Freeport—C. D. Tharp.

Friendly—H. S. McCutty.

Gandyville—Z. B. Bowen.

Hereford—U. R. Hinzman.

Leroy—J. H. Mossburg.

Maxwell—A. S. Johnson.

McKim—K. M. Rhodes.

Parkersburg—J. A. Selby.

Pennsboro—J. R. Jones.

Pullman—Unsupplied.

Richardson—Lee Bowen (supply).

Ripley—R. L. Martin (supply).

Rockford—B. N. Simmers.

Spencers Station—R. G. Hammond.

Spencers Circuit—H. M. McCoy.

Tyler—L. J. Barnes.

Doddridge—S. E. Burns.

St. Marys—L. B. Douglas.

Marlington District.

F. T. Kelly, chairman.

Marlington—D. D. Tharp.

Huntersville—H. W. Doddridge.

Renick—J. H. Lowe.

Greenock—A. W. Lowe.

Blue Rock—Ralph McCoy.

Parsons—F. D. Kelley.

St. George—W. G. Mosley.

Barbour—L. E. Bee.

PNEUMONIA

Causes Death of Frederick Elliott, of Northview, in Local Hospital.

Frederick Elliott, aged 30 years, of Northview, died at 7 o'clock Monday morning in a local hospital following an illness of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Elliott home at Northview. The Rev. D. W. Cunningham will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery.

MOTORCYCLE

Races Are Announced for Labor Day Festivities at Norwood Park.

Edmund Denham, manager of Norwood park, announces a series of speedy motorcycle races for the Labor Day festivities to be held there. Nine different events are scheduled for purses of \$50 each, the money to go four ways, fifty, thirty, fifteen and ten per cent. Entries will close at 6 p. m. Saturday, September 2. Gregory's orchestra is to furnish music for the occasion. The program will start at 2 p. m.

The program of the motorcycle race is as follows:

No. 1—Five mile free-for-all.

No. 2—Five mile handicap for novices.

No. 3—Five mile novelty race.

No. 4—Five mile handicap.

No. 5—Five mile amateur.

No. 6—One mile race against time.

No. 7—Five mile stock race.

No. 8—Five mile novelty handicap.

No. 9—Five mile ported race.

BANK RUN

At Aspinwall Results in Placing the Institution in Hands of Examiner.

PITTSBURGH, August 28.—The First National Bank of Aspinwall, a suburb, was Monday placed in charge of J. Frank Miller, national bank examiner, after a meeting of the board of directors, at which it was disclosed that a considerable portion of deposits had been withdrawn by depositors last Saturday. The run, it was stated, followed the closing of the Central Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, many Aspinwall depositors believing that G. O. Spillman, president of the bank, was also president of the trust company. Mr. Spillman resigned from the trust company in July but the fact was not generally known. The bank had a capital of \$25,000 and deposits of about \$100,000.

MENEMAR CHILD DEAD.

Margaret Jean, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Menemar, of 131 Martin street, Broad Oaks, died at 12:45 o'clock Monday morning following a short illness of stomach disease. The deceased girl is survived by her parents and a sister, Virginia Menemar. The funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

WHEAT MARKET

In Chicago is Smashed by the War Declaration of Roumania.

CHICAGO, August 28.—Roumania's declaration of war smashed the wheat market. Opening prices Monday showed a fall in some cases amounting to five and three-fourths cents a bushel. September delivery which closed Saturday at 15 1/4 started Monday at 14 1/4 to 14 3/4. Other options also broke wildly. General rushes to sell to place, which were increased by the increased chances of a general railway strike in the United States.

CUNNINGHAM CHILD DEAD.

An infant daughter of Harrison Cunningham, of Wilson burg, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her grandfather, Forest Blare, at Wilsonburg, following a short illness of cholera infantum. The burial will be in the Ayer cemetery at Petroleum. The funeral party went to Petroleum Monday morning.

RAILROAD STRIKE ALMOST AT HAND

Only Hope of Preventing Tie-Up of the Country's Railways Lies in Congress.

HEADQUARTERS

Of the Republican County Committee is Being Opened in the Goff Building Here.

The Republican county committee is installing furniture in two rooms on the ninth floor of the Goff building on West Main street today preparatory to opening headquarters for the campaign in the county.

Senator Roy E. Parrish, chairman of the county committee, hopes to have the campaign under good headway this week so far as the headquarters is concerned. Several days will be devoted to preparations for the campaign on the stump and active speaking will be in full blast shortly after September 15.

The publicity bureau will also wage a very busy campaign. That department will be placed in charge of a staff of live-wire political writers, and its part in the campaign is expected to be most effective.

The personnel of the headquarters workers has not been announced as yet but will probably be within the week.

BLOOD POISONING

Causes Death of J. W. Cade, Well Known Resident of Belington.

J. W. Cade, a prominent farmer, of near Belington, died at 2:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon in a local hospital following an illness of blood poisoning caused from an infected carbuncle. The body was prepared for burial by the Wayne Undertaking Company, and was sent to his home Monday morning. The funeral services will be held there at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are Mrs. Cordella Cade, his widow; R. L. Cade and Charles F. Cade, of this city, sons; Mrs. Oma Watson, of this city; Mrs. Dasha Cross, of Junior, Barbour county, and Mrs. Pet Corley, of Barbour county, daughters.

Mr. Cade was in a serious condition when he was brought to the hospital, and although every effort possible was made to save his life by attending physicians and nurses, he passed away Sunday afternoon.

AUTO SKIDS

Off a Culvert and Its Occupants Are Injured, Some of Them Fatally.

DANVILLE, Ill., August 28.—John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools in Chicago, was in a precarious condition here Monday as the result of injuries sustained when an automobile skidded off a culvert near Woodyard station Sunday night. Attendants at St. Elizabeth hospital here said Mr. Shoop's condition was "very grave."

McFarren Davis, editor of the Paris, Ill., Beacon was fatally hurt, F. F. Hager, of Paris, was painfully injured, and two other occupants of the car escaped with bruises. Mr. Davis is not expected to live through the day.

Twelve Hour Joy Ride Costs Young Men \$100

Settle for Damages to Car and Burglary Charge is Not Pressed.

Is a joy ride lasting twelve hours worth \$100?

Very few persons think so, but Edward Gilmore and Joseph Distance, young men of this city, shelled out that amount for a ride which they took from midnight Saturday to Sunday noon.

It is very probable that Gilmore and Distance did not think the ride worth the money, but they paid for it rather than face prosecution on a charge of breaking into Young's garage on Second street and stealing therefrom an automobile belonging to A. A. Icenhour, of Meigs avenue.

Gilmore is a skilled mechanic, and is said by the police to have been formerly employed by the garage from which the car was stolen. Distance is not known to the police.

According to the police Saturday night through a window in the side of the building. The front doors of the garage were then opened and the car driven out. From then until

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WASHINGTON, August 28.—President Wilson's negotiations for averting the threatened nationwide railway strike are in the last stage with a break or a settlement apparently not far off.

With the railway executives standing firm against conceding the eight-hour day and the brotherhood leaders still standing out against arbitration, the hope of preventing a tie-up of the country's transportation systems seems to lie with Congress.

Leaders Perplexed.

Just what exactly can be done none of the congressional leaders seem to know. Conferences between them and President Wilson, which began last night, were continued today and the president postponed his engagement with the railway executives from 10 o'clock this morning to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to give him more time for conferences with leaders in Congress.

The situation was viewed on all sides as the most perilous since the